

the *Voice* of english lutheran



Spiritual Direction by Vicar Chad Rademacher

As someone who has wrestled with faith and the meaning of a possible calling into the office of the church, I found I myself in the desert wandering. I was asking big questions and I was looking for big answers. The sermons were feeding me, Bible studies challenged me, but somewhere deep inside of me were questions that begged to be answered. I searched for explanations; I was seeking someone to understand what it was I was wrestling with. I was exploring the soft still voice of God and what it meant.

Sometimes big answers are found in small nuggets. The mystery of faith is not always about the big revelation, or the "ah-ha" epiphany. Sometimes it is found in the exploration and the discernment by carefully listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Spiritual direction has been life giving, both personally and spiritually. I have started to discover that listening to the Spirit means I have to slow down long enough to hear. The practice of spiritual direction has started equipping me with the tools to do this. Like any good habit, this takes practice and discipline.

So, you may be wondering what spiritual is direction? Spiritual direction explores a deeper relationship with the divine aspects of being human. Simply put, spiritual direction is helping people tell their sacred stories every day.

English Lutheran is blessed to have two trained spiritual directors. Cara Hartfield and Ken Ford have been trained in the art of spiritual direction at the Franciscan Spiritual Center. Individuals who are curious and searching may find this as an opportunity to explore questions such as: "How is God present in my life?" "Where is the Spirit calling me?" "What are God's desires for me?"

To learn more, come to an information orientation session hosted by Ken and Cara.

When: Sunday October 14 and Sunday October 21

Time: 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Where: English Lutheran Conference Room

General Fund Report - August 2018

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual	Actual	Budget	2017 Actual
Envelope Offerings	24,584	28,350	27,501	253,486	300,000	254,063
Simply Giving Plan	25,078	23,115	21,596	202,999	219,064	178,223
Other General	-11,557	297	303	13,582	13,200	13,951
General Fund Total	38,105	51,762	49,400	470,067	532,264	446,237
Benevolence	50		10	1,984		1,251
TOTAL	38,155	51,762	49,410	472,051	532,264	447,488
Communion Fund	454			4,125		
Memorials	25			16,723		
Hungry Jar	429			4,156		
DISBURSEMENTS						
Benevolence	5,370	6,433	6,211	50,149	55,696	53,381
Stability Triangle	56,426	59,766	57,857	390,130	419,416	376,314
Five Big Rocks	3,811	5,341	5,361	31,052	42,904	25,977
TOTAL	65,607	71,540	69,429	471,331	518,016	455,672
Gain (Loss)	-27,452		-20,019	720		-8,184
Communion Fund	3,251			11,993		
Hungry Jar	582			3,838		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>We're always adding things to our calendar! For a full event schedule, including community groups that use our church, visit www.englishlutheran.org and click on the calendar button.</i></p>		<p>2</p> <p>Come for Supper Hillview Worship Svc. 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3:30p Property Committee Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 1:30p Library Committee 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8th Gr. Conf. Retreat 3:30p Wedding</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8th Gr. Conf. Retreat 9:00a Altar Ministry 5:00p Worship</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8th Gr. Conf. Retreat 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour & 2nd Gr. Milestone Wksp 12:00p PR Mission Trip 1:00p Pet Blessing 6:30p Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>NOV-FEB VOICE DEADLINE 8:45a Quilters 4:00p Internship Comm. 5:30p Fellowship Council 6:00p Evangelism & Worship Councils</p>	<p>9</p> <p>NOV-FEB VOICE DEADLINE 8:45a Quilters 4:00p Internship Comm. 5:30p Fellowship Council 6:00p Evangelism & Worship Councils</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30p Youth Steering 6:15p 4th Gr. Milestone Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Crafters Retreat 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Crafters Retreat</p>	<p>13 Consecration Wkd</p> <p>Crafters Retreat 5:00p Worship</p>
<p>14 Consecration Wkd</p> <p>8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:00p Marketing Team</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:00p Marketing Team</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00p Community Conversations Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Nov Mini-Voice Deadline 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 WWG Kickoff</p> <p>5:00p Worship</p>
<p>21 Burritos & WWG</p> <p>8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour & 1st Gr. Milestone Wksp 6:30p Youth Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00p Senior Fun & Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:45a Quilters 1:30p Mary Circle 4:00p Endowment Committee</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Apostle Paul Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30p PACK</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:00p Worship 6:00p Confirmation Family Night</p>
<p>28 Pancakes</p> <p>8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 10:45a Worship & Rite of Confirmation 5:30p Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hillview Worship Svc. 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:30p Vision Board</p>	<p>31</p> <p>No Dinner or Programming Tonight! 7:00p Senior Choir</p>	<h1>OCTOBER</h1>		